

Parish Pump

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Broughton School Association

FAMILY BINGO

Night

Join us for fun with family and friends
And the chance to win prizes!

GAMES | BAR | PRIZES

17 APRIL, 2026

6:30PM - 9:00PM

The Victory Hall
Broughton in Furness

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Come and enjoy a walk.....

Broughton Mills, Woodland & Foxfield
WI invites everyone to enjoy a
planned walk....with a quiz on route!



Starting at Broughton Mills
Reading Room

There will be tea/coffee and
soup & sandwiches

Families, friends and furry friends welcome



..... and help raise money for
Duddon Valley Mountain Rescue!!

**Saturday April 11th
11.00am**



All donations to Duddon Mountain Rescue

Any queries please contact Pam
Gillman on **01229 716321** or
E: pam.gillman1@gmail.com



Broughton Mills, Woodland & Foxfield

19 members met at Woodland Parish Room on Wednesday 4th March. Minutes from our February meeting were approved, and various events and future outings were discussed including a planned walk at Colton on March

23rd and our usual weekly swim meetings!

We then welcomed our speaker for the evening, Rod Elgin, who is a volunteer speaker for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Rod began by playing a short video showing the varied work the Commission carries out across the world. He explained that the organisation was begun by a businessman, Sir Fabian Ware, in 1917 when he realised the extent of the poor recognition of casualties and deaths before WW1. At 45 years old he was considered too old to fight in the war but, aware of his duty, he started a small Red Cross brigade to help the injured. Horrified by the lack of care with the recording and burial of the dead and repatriation he founded the War Graves Commission in 1917 ...by the end of WW1 some 587,000 graves were recorded.

The principles of the commission were, as now, that each of the dead should have a permanent burial site with a marked headstone and with no rank or status distinction. Though initially families were greatly saddened that it was impractical to repatriate, they quickly understand the level of care and respect given to their loved ones and that this would continue.

This work now continues across 150 countries – creating new cemeteries, tending existing ones and recording each grave. Rod explained that our warmer world brings extra challenges and that experts are now employed to help address the problems of climate change ...what a task!! Some of our members were aware of local war graves including one in nearby St Johns Church in Woodland.

It was a very interesting talk, and Rod was warmly thanked by Jan Ashworth. Our April meeting will be held in Woodland Parish Room on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm when we'll enjoy a meeting of 'Magic'!!!

Do come and join us...you'd be made very welcome.

Pam Gillman

Ulpha & Seathwaite

We were privileged to have a valley legend to talk to us in February -John Gray our now retired but long time first responder. Many of our members have experienced his skills and indeed humour when we faced with medical emergencies for friends and families, and his calm and competent presence has made things better.

It was interesting to learn that two of our past, and very much missed, stalwart members, Anthea Jones and Jean Millar had been instrumental in bringing the service to the valley and encouraging John to join. He previously trained as an opera singer at the Royal Academy of Music and has worked in an A&E department.

In the early days hand drawn maps were the method of navigation, they have now been replaced by apps but no doubt both can be equally as problematic. The control centre was in Liverpool so you can imagine the lack of understanding of local roads and conditions was a fairly major barrier - not understanding that lakes and mountains were not easy to navigate! 'Take the Walna Scar Road' - that is an interesting possibility! And 'use the phone' with no understanding that a mobile signal is not a given!

The First responders are unpaid members of North West Ambulance service. Their equipment is funded by donations and themselves—£18,000. The training as you might expect is extensive, they are no longer allowed to carry pain relief, and only one oxygen tank is issued. John explained the different categories of call outs and how he dealt with them.

Anyone can apply to be a First Responder, but need to pass the training, you can be called out at any time of the day or night and sometimes twice in a night, which makes it remarkable that members of our community are willing to carry it out. And in John's case, for so many years.

His tale of playing the harpsichord to a patient while they waited for the ambulance seemed to encapsulate the way in which he calms and reassures. I wonder if the lady could ever hear the harpsichord again without thinking of her dire situation or a well placed joke!

John has certainly made a huge contribution to valley life, and we are grateful to him as a community and in many cases personally.

If you are interested in joining us please come along on the second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm at The Browfoot Room, Ulpha, you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Fiona Oliver 01229 716926



Duddon History.org.uk

DUDDON VALLEY LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall. The programme is as follows:

22 April - "Walls in the Cumbrian Landscape", Dr David Johnson

27 May - "Journals of Kenneth Burgess", Stan Aspinall & Nigel Pattinson

24 June - "Britain's 1914-18 War Resisters – Communities, Prisoners, Fugitives, Revolutionaries and Broughton in Furness", Cyril Pearce

22 July - "John Ruskin: Victorian Polymath", Dr David Cross

If you would like to join DVLHG, it costs £10 per year, guests are very welcome at the meetings (£2 per person).

Email the Secretary on sec@duddonhistory.org.uk.

You may also wish to visit our website: www.duddonhistory.org.uk.

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Duddon Community Support



Duddon Community Support has been delivering meals to local people ever since Covid began. Currently our volunteers take out more than 20 two course lunches each Thursday. Food is cooked by Kellie and Cath at the Square Cafe and by a team of home bakers.

There are no formal criteria but generally we try to help older folk who live alone or who are carers, and younger more isolated people. So please contact us if you fit the bill or, just as importantly, if you know someone who does.

The other main task of DCS is to provide and maintain the local network of Defibrillators, along with First Aid Training.

Defib Boxes can be found at 10 locations in the area:-

CENTRAL BROUGHTON

Fire Station, Foxfield Road LA20 6AJ—outside of building adjacent to roller door. Maintained by Fire Service

Square Café, Broughton Square LA20 6JD—outside of building on wall onto New St

Victory Hall, Station Road LA20 6HN - outside building adjacent to main door

Broughton Church, St Mary Magdalene - outside of building in right hand side of porch

Prince of Wales PH Foxfield LA20 6BX - outside of building adjacent to main door facing Foxfield Station

DUDDON VALLEY

Broughton Mills, Hawthwaite Workshop - front wall,
Broughton Mills - Reading Room LA20 6AX outside of building far end wall

Upha, Browfoot Room LA20 6DX - outside of building front wall facing road

Woodland, Parish Rooms (Reading Rooms) - outside of building

Newfield Inn, Seathwaite - external barn wall facing the road

Cockley Beck - on post adjacent to cattle grid

These life savers are all funded by donations. If you know someone who needs our help, or you'd like to help, or you'd like to donate please contact me. Selwyn Wright, Chair Tel: **01229 716797** Email: selwyn.wright@btinternet.com

Duddon Community Support

POST BOX UPDATE

POST OFFICE

Following the sealing up of the post box in Princes Street last June and Royal Mail choosing Station Road as the site for its replacement, Broughton Community Services CIC has campaigned hard for the post box to be installed instead outside the new Post Office on The Square.

Despite months of letter writing, press articles, a petition and support from Michelle Scrogam MP, Royal Mail continued to maintain that The Square was unsuitable for a post box due to a report citing insufficient parking for the collections van.

But an onsite meeting in December over the collection of mail bags from the new branch was instrumental in convincing Royal Mail's Collections Customer Operations Manager that The Square could be reassessed as a suitable site for a post box as long as a parking space for use by Royal Mail could be provided.

On 27th February, Annette Carmichael from Broughton Community Services met with Steph Davis-Johnston of Highways and Chris Makim of Royal Mail to discuss the provision of a Loading/Unloading bay immediately outside the new post office. Subject to supportive responses to a Highways consultation with residents and businesses on The Square and a positive outcome to a further safety assessment by Royal Mail, it is hoped that a pedestal type post box can be installed in a few months' time. In the meantime, stamped letters can be handed over the community shop's counter to go in our PO mail bags.

Also discussed with Highways was whether a dropped kerb could be put in. Due to budgetary constraints and technical issues, this would not be straightforward. So Broughton Community Services has purchased and put down a plastic kerb ramp to provide easier access to our customers using mobility scooters or wheelchairs.

Broughton Community Services CIC

More Wartime Memories by Maurice Lancaster

Evacuees

Early in the war, children from all the big towns and cities were forcibly evacuated to the surrounding countryside. The ones at Broughton all came from Salford near Manchester. When they arrived, all they carried was their gas masks.

Anyone without children, who had spare bedrooms was obliged to take evacuees. The number of pupils at Broughton school doubled overnight. After several months, a few started to drift back home and this gradually increased. There was a small number however who stayed to the end of the war and were virtually adopted by their foster parents.

Those were: the brothers, Jack & Brian Bamford, Rob Brady and Nelly Rutter. Jack stayed with one of the Ashburner families on Lodge Terrace; Brian with Mrs Hornby; Ron Brady with Miss Gladys Bateman (piano teacher and bandleader); Nelly with Mrs Alice Barker. Ron Brady worked for many years as driver or fireman on the Coniston Railway.

Towards the end of the war, when the V1 flying bombs and the V2 rockets landed on London, we had another short term invasion of evacuees from London. One morning, we arrived at Ulverston Grammar School to find the Assembly Hall full of beds occupied by escapees from London.

Another planned evacuation was to send children to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. My wife Cynthia and her brother were booked on the first ship to Canada, but at the last moment they decided against it and their places were taken by other children. The ship was torpedoed and most of the children were drowned. The scheme was then abandoned.



The Community Hall
at Grizebeck
KIRKBY IN FURNESS

Upcoming events

All our events are advertised on our Facebook page. Further details on all our events available from our hall manager

hall.manager@grizebeckhall.co.uk

Mob: **07905779584** (Mondays and Fridays)

Thursday 23rd April

7.30pm

Stuart Flett Metal Detectorist talks about his finds and what they reveal about our local history.

Entrance £5

includes tea and biscuits

Regular events

Table tennis Monday afternoon

contact Rick Shaw **01229**

889624

Pilates Monday evening Contact Heidi **07519 395545**

Yoga Tuesday evening. Contact Carol-Anne Barber **07505 500965**

Whist Drive Every first and second Wednesday contact Michael Irving on **01229 889632**

Flowerguild Fourth Wednesday Contact Jeni Sarson **01229 889685**

Bowling Club Thursday afternoon contact Franek Rewaj **01229 889407**

Craft Club Second Thursday of each month. For further details contact Ali Hooper on **01229 889723**

Surfers Group Assistance in navigating a computer. Friday morning contact Franek Rewaj **01229 889407**

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**MESSAGE FROM OUR MP
MICHELLE SCROGHAM**

Bus services are the lifeblood of our communities, they are drivers for economic growth, they keep people connected, they are important for the visitor economy and they open up opportunities for everyone.

Sadly, over the last decade, bus services in English regions outside of London virtually collapsed. They were starved of funding – with just £800,000 provided by central government for bus improvements for the whole of Cumbria in 2023. In Cumbria more than 50 per cent of our bus services were lost and England has lost 300 million miles of bus routes a year since 2010.

I have pushed for investment to upgrade, and I want to thank everyone who came on board my campaign. The government listened and we have secured a massive increase which promises to put our bus services in the fast lane.

In Cumbria the funding has gone up from that paltry £800,000 to £19m this year. A 2000% increase. Then over the next four years we are getting a long-term settlement worth over £28m to keep the progress going.

So, after years of being forced to tolerate poor bus services *Broughton Parish Pump* readers can look forward to improvements in the coming years thanks to increased investment from the government.

That amount of investment is transformational and it's my aim to make sure that our residents are involved in deciding how that money is spent.

We have already seen the introduction of a new service that runs from Whitehaven to Ravenglass then calling at Millom and Broughton before going all the way to Barrow.

Westmorland and Furness council is also reviewing its use of the new local authority bus grant funding, and improvements to the service between Broughton and Askam is one of the areas for consideration alongside a number of other improvements.

On top of the funding, the government is supporting Westmorland and Furness Council and Cumberland Council to be part of a national franchising pilot so we can lead the way in taking control of our bus network and transforming services to work for everyone.

So, I want to hear from you if there's an existing bus route that you would like to see improved, or a new route that you would like to see created. I will make sure that your views are heard by both councils as they decide when to use this massive investment.

After years of decline, better buses are on their way. Please let me know your views by joining my Better Buses campaign at www.michellescrogam.com/betterbuses

Finally, if there are any issues you need help with, or you have any questions, you can contact me by Telephone: **01229 343360** or WhatsApp on **07721 148088** Monitored 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday Or you can email me at michelle.scrogam.mp@parliament.uk Mail: c/o Broadcasting House, Hartington Street, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 5SL

Michelle

Spring is definitely in the air!

As we write, the snowdrops are nearly gone, daffs are bringing sunshine to our verges and the wild



garlic is starting to make its presence felt! Hopefully, the weather will also improve and you may find that thoughts turn to gardens and growing. We are really pleased that 5 raised beds at the community garden in Ulpha have been "adopted". This allows us to expand community growing, with any surplus shared or distributed. If you would like to be part of this community project, please get in touch. Whatever you want to grow- veggies, bee friendly flowers, trees for autumn transplanting- come and have a go. Talk to us today, or message via our Facebook Page or from our website- www.sustainableduddon.co.uk

Great Water Blitz- Earthwatch Europe

This is a biannual campaign that calls on everyone to go outside and test the quality of their local freshwater bodies-rivers, streams, ponds canals and wetland. By the time of publication, the April testing kits may have all been allocated, but you can find out about the project and register interest for the next event in September by visiting-

<https://earthwatch.org.uk/greatukwaterblitz/>

If this interests you, then Sustainable Duddon run regular water monitoring activities using our own kit. Find out how healthy your water courses are- get in touch!

An Introduction to Chicken Keeping - Saturday 25th April

A half- day session on the basics of chicken keeping with afternoon tea. The session will cover what equipment is needed as well as information on chicken health and everything you need to know as a first-timer:-



- chicken coops - what's best for you
- feed and water equipment
- bedding and cleaning regimes
- chicken health - what you're likely to experience and how to tackle it

£5 to cover cost of tea - get in touch for details

Tree Planting

The tree planting project at Stonestar in the Duddon Valley has been completed for this phase. Tree fertiliser has been added and cosy sheep's wool mulches have been placed around the trees to deter bracken and provide the right microclimate. Look out for more tree planting activities in the Autumn.



Litter Picking

As Easter approaches, Sustainable Duddon hopes to arrange regular litter picks in our area. These are usually organised for a Sunday morning, so to be kept in the loop, register your interest or keep an eye on the website/Facebook page for dates.

Showtime!

Just a reminder that Sustainable Duddon and our partners in the Duddon Catchment Project will be on hand to talk about all our initiatives at the upcoming shows- including Thwaites Show in June and Broughton & Millom Show in August. We look forward to seeing you there!

<https://www.youtube.com/@SustainableDuddon>

Email sustainableduddon@gmail.com

Visit our Facebook page: just search for **Sustainable Duddon**



ULVERSTON WALKFEST
DISCOVER THE UNEXPECTED

There are 42 walks on offer over the 10 days from **25th April to 4th May** including quite a few led by members of DVLHG offering local walks close to Broughton

Details of all walks will be on our website
Early booking recommended

WALKS COST £3

www.ulverstonwalkfest.com
For further information and to sign up for a walk, email: ulverstonwalks@gmail.com

Earth Day Forest Therapy Walk
Broughton-in-Furness, Wednesday, 22 April
5:30 PM - 8 PM
Slow restorative time with Mother Earth

For more information:
<https://bit.ly/BroughtonEarthDay>

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BROUGHTON FILM CLUB

Friday 24th April

Anatomy of a Fall

This Palme d'Or winner traces a gripping psychological journey into the complexity of a marriage following a husband's fatal fall

**7.30 pm
Victory Hall**

Tickets £5 (cash) • Doors open 7 pm • Bar
Cinema-sized screen • Subtitles

*Make it a special evening with our
Film Club Meal Deal*

**6 pm at The Square Café - £20 for 2 courses + film
Book Meal Deal on 716388 by Wednesday 22nd April
(vegetarian/vegan option available)**

London Mountain Film Festival @ Broughton

On Friday 13th March the third annual Mountain Film Festival took place at the Victory Hall.

Hosted by Broughton Film Club as a fundraiser for Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team, the evening showcased eleven outdoor adventure films especially selected from 120 films submitted to the London Mountain Film Festival.

Daring feats in outdoor sports such as rock and ice climbing, mountain biking, caving, snowboarding and highlining kept the audience amazed, while the complex geometrical creations and musings of a Cornish sand artist provided a reflective - and popular - interlude.

Outdoor-themed raffle prizes were donated by several sports retailers while The Square Café, The Manor Arms, The Blacksmiths Arms and Broughton Community Shop generously provided a range of food and drink prizes.

Our thanks to everyone who supported this event which raised £1,512 for Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team.

*Annette Carmichael
Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness Film Club*

THURSDAY RUNNERS

We are a friendly and welcoming local running club that meets every Thursday 6.30-7.30pm in Broughton Park. All welcome, regardless of ability.



No one gets left behind, as we do various types of interval training in a small area and we all run at our own individual pace!

For more details, please contact Jackie on: **07598 746807**



VICTORY HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

Tel: **07355 930193**

Email: **broughtonvictoryhall@gmail.com**

HALL HIRE FEES

The Main Hall

£15 per hour. £12.50 per hour for regular group users.

Rankin Room

£10 per hour. £9 per hour for regular group users.

Green Room

£10 per hour. £8 per hour for regular group users

Evening Function

6pm until closing (as per the licence) £100.

Cancellation Policy

A 50% deposit is required when booking. If the booking is cancelled within 7 days of the event, the deposit will be kept.

VICTORY HALL WEEKLY EVENTS



Monday Rankin Room
4.45pm-5.45pm Rainbows (4-7 yrs)

5.45pm-7pm Brownies (7-10)

7.30pm-8.45pm Guides (10-14) Main Hall
and Rangers (14-18) Rankin Room

Contact Louise Huddleston, Angela York,
Joscelin Tracey, Sam Addington or Liz Burslem for more info
or register your daughter at www.go.girlguiding.org.uk

WozFit

Monday 6.30pm-7.30pm
Circuit Training £2 per session



Tuesday
6.00pm-7.15pm
Main Hall



For more information contact E: tburslem@hotmail.com

Tuesday 7.15pm-9.15pm
Rankin Room

HOLBORN HILL ROYAL BRASS BAND
Contact Ruth Hughes on **716659** Instruments can be provided



Wednesday 10am-12pm
Pickleball £4.00 includes refreshments
Contact Barbara **01229 869968**
M: **07990327047** E: barbara.birch@hotmail.co.uk



Thursday 7.30 until 9pm
Badminton

Contact Andrew on **889429** or Graham on **716007**



Friday 9.30-11.30 in term-time
Broughton Under 5's Group £3 per family
Includes drinks & snacks
Find us on Facebook - Broughton Playgroup



Friday 3pm-5pm
Pickleball £4.00 see Wednesday for details

**Gentle
exercise**

Friday 10.30am-11.30am
Rankin Room
Chair based activities to benefit your
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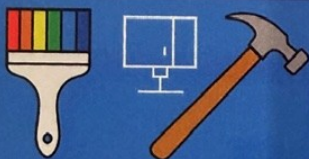
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PARISH COUNCIL DROP IN

The Square Café

The next session will be
Tuesday 14th April 10.45 – 12noon

Electricity in The Square

We are pleased to report that the unsightly, large electricity box has been moved out of The Square. It is now in the bus shelter and we are in the process of having power connected to it.

Playground at Wilson Park

Spring is here, and as thoughts turn to time spent outdoors, we would like to give the playground in Wilson Park a refresh. If you are a parent, grandparent, childminder or Wilson Park user, we would like to hear your thoughts regarding potential changes that might be made, to the play area. Please get in touch with any suggestions on how to improve and update the playground via: Email

sophielane@duddonparishcouncil.org.uk

Supermarket Delivery Vans

The Parish Council has been asked to lobby the supermarkets, on behalf of local residents, in an effort to make their delivery drivers compliant with local speed restrictions and behave in a more considerate manner. The advice we have received back is that if individuals witness poor driving they should report number plates and times of offences directly to the supermarkets.

Parish Clerk Vacancy

If you have a genuine interest in helping our forward thinking and energetic Council develop and deliver timely, quality and innovative services to the local community, this post is ideal.

You will ensure that all legal, statutory, financial and other governing provisions relating to the Council are observed, all Council meetings are properly administered and decisions effectively implemented whilst developing healthy working partnerships with key local and regional bodies.

We offer excellent nationally based terms and conditions of employment for this post which may involve working evenings and weekends. Please email Christine for an application form at info@duddonparishcouncil.org.uk

Potholes

Please keep reporting potholes. This can be done by going to www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk and clicking on 'Streets, roads and pavements'. The more frequently they are reported, the better.

Thanks

We would like to offer our thanks to Councillor Matt Brereton for a £1,000 donation from the Locality Fund. This is greatly appreciated and will go directly towards replacing the faulty boilers in the Victory Hall.

You can follow us on Facebook

[facebook.com/theduddonparishcouncil/](https://www.facebook.com/theduddonparishcouncil/)



VICTORY HALL NEWS

Contact & Cancellation

A gentle reminder of our cancellation policy detailed in the column opposite.

In addition, to help us effectively process all enquiries, please only use the hall contact details given. Thanks.

Thanks

We would like to thank Bryan Longworth, David Hatton and James Brakewell for their significant work replacing the faulty pipework that was causing the flooding at the Victory Hall.

Volunteer Required

The Victory Hall is looking for a volunteer to open the hall every morning. The responsibility is to simply open the front door – nothing more than that. Perhaps you live nearby, or your school run/daily dog walk passes the hall and you would like to help out. To sign up or for more information please get in touch.

Broughton Supper Club



Wednesday 8th April

Barry McKay
"The Cumbrian
Chapbook Industry"

In March we were informed, amused and entertained by Mark Hatton who described to us the many Cumbrian Gravestones he had observed, photographed and helped to preserve.

He interpreted for us the symbols engraved on the stones and the light they threw on our forebearers beliefs.

In April, we have another delve into Cumbrian history with Barry McKay who will be describing how people communicated ideas before the advent of social media!

We meet in the Square Cafe 6:30 for 7:00 for an excellent supper prepared by Kellie prior to the talk. I look forward to welcoming members both old and new to our meetings.

Ian Verber (Secretary)

Email : ian.verber@btopenworld.com



Update on Fibre Broadband in and around Broughton

I understand there have been some further concerns from local residents, particularly in the Seathwaite valley about upcoming road closure for work involving Fibrus. I responded to similar concerns earlier last year and want to explain again the reasons behind the plans.

Fibrus continue to make steady progress with installing the fibre network and when completed, it will be of huge benefit to our local community. They have connected over half of the contracted premises throughout Cumbria (about 36,000 premises out of 54,000) and our local area is now well on the way to completion.

There is more work planned over the coming weeks and some if it will lead to travel disruption and road closures. Details are available via the "OneNetwork" website – <https://one.network/>. Clicking on the closure permit allows you to check which utility provider has applied for the closure.

There will be access for locals during the listed closure periods and the workmen will intend to keep restrictions to a minimum where possible. They can't just simply block access to residents completely when there are no alternative diversions. The problem is due to the narrow width of the roads around here and any contractors, including Fibrus contractors, wanting to do work HAVE to apply for road closures through the council.

It's not a choice, they HAVE to do it, whether or not the road will actually be completely closed or not. There may just be work on part of the road but they have to apply to close it. And they often have to apply for more time than they actually need. In reality, there may be times where there are some delays but it is not necessarily as drastic as it sounds. There have been a number of notifications in our area over recent months listed as "closures" which have not materialised to the full extent of that publicised.

Do get in touch with me or contact Fibrus directly via the HyperfastGB contact page on their website—

[-https://hyperfastgb.com/](https://hyperfastgb.com/)

I will pass on any concerns to Fibrus and ensure that they are noted.

When it gets to the time to an anticipated closure, please communicate with any engineers you see, express your travel needs and let them know times etc and they should be able to try and work around things. They will have an obligation to consider emergency vehicle access too, don't forget, so there are ways of making it work.

Your local Fibrus hub coordinators are:

Emma Hatton and Sue McWilliam

For more information contact Emma Hatton

Email: emmahatton839@gmail.com Tel: 07712 836839



Annual Grizebeck Duck Race
Saturday 26th April
2pm



Tickets now available £2 each

Contact hall.manager@grizebeckhall.co.uk
or buy them from The Filling Station Grizebeck,
The Greyhound, or any hall Committee member



Restoring Hardknott Forest

Volunteer Days

All are welcome, we are a friendly bunch and you just need a reasonable level of physical fitness and some outdoor clothing (we can lend you some if needed). All instructions and tools are provided.

April

Sunday 12th April : Friday 17th April : Tuesday 28th April

May

Sunday 10th May : Tuesday 24th May : Saturday 30th May

If a day is full its worth adding yourself to the waiting list in case of cancellations. Directions and joining details will be sent out when you book a day, and there is more information on our website, or contact us if you have any questions.

For more information or to book: <https://bag.leeds.ac.uk/projects/restoring-hardknott-forest/get-involved/>

The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Amendment Act 2025 came into effect on 18 March 2026, bringing stronger laws to protect farm animals

SHEEP WORRYING BY DOGS CAN COME IN MANY FORMS.

Keep your distance from livestock, and ensure dogs are on a lead.



BARK CHASE BITE KILL



Information and advice can be found at www.sheepworrying.org.uk

- ◆ Unlimited fines – The old £1,000 maximum fine has been removed. Courts can now issue unlimited fines if a dog worries livestock.
- ◆ Greater police powers – Police can now seize dogs suspected of worrying livestock, collect evidence (including DNA), and enter premises with a warrant during investigations.
- ◆ More animals protected – The law now includes camelids such as alpacas and llamas, as well as other livestock.
- ◆ "Worrying" livestock doesn't mean attacking – Your dog doesn't have to bite an animal to break the law. Chasing, frightening, or stressing livestock is also an offence and can cause injury, miscarriage, or death.
- ◆ More locations covered – The law also applies when livestock are being moved along roads or public paths, not just when they're in fields.

Water Yeat Village Hall
Presents

The Blackheart Orchestra



The Blackheart Orchestra are British multi-award winning, multi-instrumentalists Chrissy Mostyn and Rick Pilkington. Recent winners of the UK Rising Stars of Progressive Music Award, chosen by British musical legend Mike Batt as his favourite new album on Times Radio's Old and New show and as one of At The Barrier's Best 20 Concerts of 2025 they comprise a two person 'orchestra' playing up to 13 instruments in their unique live show

With influences from as far afield as Sigur Ros and Kate Bush to modern composers Steve Reich and Philip Glass, they combine their folk and rock roots with electronica and classical with Genesis founder Steve Hackett calling their music "Powerful and inspiring".

Saturday 4th April
8pm (doors 7.30)

£15 cash/card on the door or in advance

www.wegotickets.com/wateryeatvillagehall
No booking fee

Café/table seating.
No bar, bring your own drinks and nibbles

www.e-voice.org.uk/wyv
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let's have fun

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www.keppleway.org.uk

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Broughton - In - Furness
Cumbria
LA20 6HE

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The Rucksack Club

"Julie's distinctive voice and her infectious passion for the fells is mesmerising to watch. Authentic, unique and full of vitality..."
Liz Stevenson, Theatre by the Lake

This one-woman show, written and performed by Julie Carter, presents a poetic, fun and moving exploration of her running exploits on the Lakeland fells.

The Community Hall at Grizebeck LA17 7HX

Sun 12 April 7:30pm - bar available

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Water Yeat Village Hall
Presents

Restoring Rusland's Rare Rainforest



The Rusland Valley is blessed with valuable remnants of Temperate Rainforest – a habitat that only 1% of the earth's landmass can support. Once this species rich woodland covered 20% of the Western Seaboard of the UK. Now it is only 1%.

Come and hear about how we are working to survey, protect and restore this internationally rare and beautiful environment.

A talk by Marion Brown

Thursday 9th April

Starts 7.30pm – door opens at 7pm

£5 entry - includes tea/coffee/biscuit on arrival

www.e-voice.org.uk/wyv
www.facebook.com/wateryeatvillagehall/

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS



VAMOS!
TENNIS JUNIORS

**SUNDAY MORNING
TENNIS CLUB**
at
**Broughton in Furness
Tennis Club**

9am—Beginners / under 8 years
10am—9 years and above


Both junior sessions
by LTA Coach

Contact Dan on **07732 435918**
for details

GOOD FRIDAY


9.30AM AT ST MARY
**MAGDALENE'S
FOLLOWED BY
CARRYING THE
CROSS TO THE HIGH
CROSS**

APRIL
3



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SERVED IN THE SQUARE CAFE
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

**X7 Bus
Service**



**Coniston to Barrow
via Broughton**

Wednesday & Friday only

Timetables are available from the Information Centre or various sources in Broughton. It can also be viewed on Facebook: **FriendsoftheX112**

If you hold a NoW card you can use it on the bus, which means it costs you nothing. Otherwise a single fare is £3 under the present Government backed fares cap scheme.

	Out	Rtn
Coniston Crown	09.30	14.21
Broughton Square	10.00	14.00
Foxfield Station	10.04	13.55
Grizebeck	10.11	13.50
Kirkby in Furness	10.24	13.43
Ireleth	10.35	13.35
Askam	10.39	13.30
Barrow, Asda	10.57	13.20
Barrow, The Mall	11.03	13.15
Fridays Only		
Barrow, The Mall	11.10	12.45
Rampside	11.23	12.58
Roa Island	11.27	13.00
Rampside	11.30	13.03
Barrow, The Mall	11.45	13.10

**St Mary's
Hospice**



**Fashion
Show
Thanks**

Duddon Valley Support Group for St Mary's Hospice would like to thank all who supported the above event especially those who attended, those who donated raffle prizes as well as the Community shop for selling pre-event tickets.

Not forgetting our local models who did a great job on the night.

The event raised a fantastic **£751** for St Mary's Hospice.

The Duddon Valley Support Group

THANK YOU

**CGP Duddon Parish
Trust Fund**



The fund is administered by members of the Duddon Parish Council

APPLYING FOR FUNDS

Representatives of local groups from within the Duddon Parish can apply for funding. Application forms are available from the Community Shop, or you can download one from www.duddonparishcouncil.org.uk

Send your completed form to the Trust Fund Clerk, Nigel Jones, either by email: cgptrustfund@gmail.com or post to: Stonegarth, Church Street. Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6HJ

The next closing date for applications is 31st May 2026

THE BENEFICE OF THE DUDDON ESTUARY



**EASTER SUNDAY
SUNRISE SERVICE**

HE IS RISEN!

Sunday 5th April 6.15am Bacon Butties afterwards	Higher Jackson Ground LA20 6BB ///what3words grow.rainwater.capacity
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For car sharing and dietary requirements contact Vic - tkbdchurches@gmail.com or 07453930536

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BAKERY**
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**2nd
Broughton
Chess
Festival**



Saturday 13th
June 2026
1.30 pm to 5.00 pm
Victory Hall

All chess players welcome

For more information contact Neill Cooper
email nsc@cplusc.co.uk phone **07976 737075**

Organic Jane

There was a lady grew carrots in her hair
Marrows on her bottom
And parsley everywhere.
She went to the weekly market
The organic section
And sold her veggies there
But before each weekly market
She had a good scrub down
To be sure her vegetables
Were worthy of the crown.

Barbara Rigg

Rev'd Victoria Sekasi
Priest in Charge
M: 07453 930536
tkbdchurches@gmail.com

Am at my desk, Monday, Tuesdays
and Fridays

Parish News



Benefices of The Duddon Estuary. Comprising the Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth, Broughton & Duddon and Thwaites

Roots of Trust

In small communities like ours, life often reminds us how much we depend on the things that sustain us — the weather, the land, our neighbours, and the quiet strength of community. These everyday experiences can also prompt us to reflect on deeper questions about belief and trust.

Recently at Broughton Mills, Louise Robinson shared with us a reflection on a bible passage found in Jeremiah 17:5-8. Here the prophet **Jeremiah** paints a simple but powerful picture. He describes two kinds of plants: a tree planted by a stream, and a shrub growing in the desert.

The tree thrives. Even when the heat comes, its leaves remain green. During dry spells it continues to bear fruit, because its roots reach down into a steady source of water. The shrub, however, struggles. It grows in dry ground with no access to water. When harsh conditions arrive, it withers because it has nothing sustaining it beneath the surface.

Jeremiah uses this image to talk about trust. He suggests that people who place their trust in God are like the tree with deep roots — able to endure life's challenges with resilience and hope. Those who rely only on human strength, he says, risk becoming like the shrub in the desert, easily worn down when difficult times come.

Whether someone considers themselves a person of faith or not, the question Jeremiah raises is still a meaningful one: **where do we place our trust?**

For Christians, trust is rooted in the belief that *'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.'* (John 3.16). Believing in *God* provides strength, guidance and hope. For others, trust may be found in community, shared values, family, or the quiet reliability of people looking after one another.

SERVICES DURING
HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday

3pm Holy Communion at St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby
7.30pm Last Supper at St. Mary Magdalene

Good Friday

9.30am Walk of Witness at St. Mary Magdalene
2.30pm Reflective Service at St. Cuthbert's,
Kirkby

Easter Saturday

5pm Messy Easter at St. Anne's, Thwaites

Easter Sunday

6.15am Sunrise Service at Higher Jackson Ground
9.30am Easter Communion at St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby
11am Family Celebration at St. Mary Magdalene
3pm Easter Communion at St. John the Baptist,
Ulpha

Easter Monday

3pm Egg Rolling & Easter Egg Hunt at
Kirkby Community Centre

Perhaps the invitation in Jeremiah's words is simply to pause and think about what helps us stay grounded. What gives us resilience? What keeps us hopeful? What sustains us when life is challenging?

Come and journey with us as we enter Holy Week and the Easter season - why not reflect on this question of trust— whatever your beliefs may be.

Rev'd Vic Sekasi

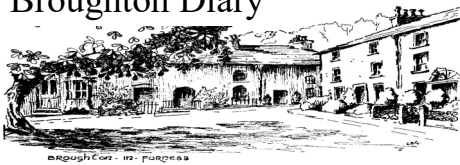
From the Registers

We pray for the family and friends of Mary Patricia Coward, whose funeral and interment was at St Mary Magdalene, Broughton on 24th February.

We rejoice that Edith Leighton was brought to be Baptised at St Cuthbert, Kirkby on Sunday 1st March –

And for Alice Holly Hoggarth Baptised at Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills on 22nd March.

Broughton Diary



April

- 1 Broughton Mills, Woodland and Foxfield WI: 7.30pm, Woodland Parish Room
 - 3 Walk of Witness: 9.30am, from St Mary Magdalene
 - 4 Blackheart Orchestra: 7.30pm, Water Yeat Village Hall
 - 6 Egg-citing Fun: 3pm, Kirkby Community Centre
 - 7 & 8 Easter Adventure: 9.15am onwards, Keppleway (see page 9)
 - 8 Broughton Supper Club: 6.30pm, Square Café
 - 9 Craft Club: Grizebeck Community Hall
 - 9 Restoring Rusland's Rare Rainforest: 7.30pm, Water Yeat Village Hall
 - 11 WI Fundraising Walk & Quiz: 11am, Broughton Mills Reading Room
 - 12 Dreamtime Fell Runner: 7.30pm, Grizebeck Community Hall
 - 14 DPC Drop-in: 10.45am—12noon, Square Cafe
 - 14 Ulpha and Seathwaite WI: 7.30pm, Browfoot Room
 - 17 BSA Fundraiser Family Bingo: 6.30pm, Victory Hall
 - 22 Earth Day Forest Therapy Walk: 5.30pm, Broughton (see page 5)
 - 22 Flower Guild: Grizebeck Community Hall
 - 22 DVLHG Talk: 7.30pm, Victory Hall
 - 23 DPC Meeting: 7pm, Rankin Room
 - 23 Monthly talk: 7.30pm, Grizebeck Village Hall
 - 24 Film Club: 7.30pm, Victory Hall
 - 25 Chicken Keeping Course: see Sustainable Duddon on page 5
 - 26 Duck Race: 2pm, meet Grizebeck Community Hall
- 25-4 May** Ulverston WalkFest—see pg 5

May

- 3 Traditional music: Grizebeck Community Hall

REGULAR EVENTS

Every Tuesday

Coffee Morning, 10.30am, Square Café



Every Thursday Coffee, Cake 'n Chat: at Pop Up Post Office, 1—3pm, Browfoot Room, Ulpha

1st & 3rd Friday *Knit and Natter* 2pm—4pm, Parsonage Room



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Church Services April

Easter Sunrise Service
5th April 6am — Jackson Ground

**St Cuthbert,
Kirkby at 9.30am**
Easter Sunday — Holy Communion
2nd Sunday — Holy Communion
3rd Sunday — Service of The Word
4th Sunday — Holy Communion
Wild Church at 4pm

**St Mary Magdalene,
Broughton at 10am**
11am Easter Sunday — Holy Communion
2nd Sunday — Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday — Breakfast Church
from 9.30am
4th Sunday — Celtic Worship

**Duddon Valley Churches
St John the Baptist, Ulpha**
Easter Sunday — 3pm, Family Communion
3rd Sunday — 6pm Evening Prayer

Holy Trinity, Seathwaite
5th Sunday only

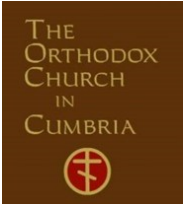
**Woodland
St John the Evangelist at 6pm**
2nd Sunday - Evensong
4th Sunday — Songs of Praise

St Anne's, Thwaites at 11.30am
2nd Sunday — Family Worship
4th Sunday — Brunch Church

Midweek Service
Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills at 10am
Wednesdays — Morning Prayer
Holy Communion on 1st Wednesday

**The Orthodox Community of
St. Simon and St. Kentigern
Divine Liturgy of
St. John Chrysostom**

Cemetery Chapel,
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Wednesday 5.00pm
Sunday Mass 10.30am

**Sacred Heart RC Church,
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Thursday 10am
Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm

Father Mathew Jacob
Tel: 01229 779673
E: saintfranciscumbria@gmail.com
www.saintfranciscumbria.com

**Kingdom Hall of
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2 Holborn Hall, Millom, LA18 5BE
www.jw.org

**Every
Thursday 7.15pm
Sunday 10.15am**



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Tuesday 8am—6pm (Lunch 12.30—1.15pm)
Thursday 8am—6pm (Lunch 12.30—1.15pm)
Friday 8am—1pm

Kirkby 01229 889247
Monday 8am—6pm
Tuesday 8am—6pm
Wednesday 8am—6pm
Friday 8am—6pm

Broughton 01229 716337
Monday 8am—6pm (Lunch 12.30—1.15pm)
Tuesday 8am—6pm (Lunch 12.30—1.15pm)
Thursday 8am—6pm (Lunch 12.30—1.15pm)

The Methodist Church

Services

Kirkby in Furness, Marshside
11am Morning Service,
1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays

6pm Service with Communion
on 2nd Sunday

Millom, Queen Street
11am Every Sunday

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